

Amendment "B"

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 18-20 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1, 5, 7, 12 and 16 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended). A method for printing N collated copies of a document on a printer, N being an integer greater than one, the method comprising:

providing a computer and a printer, the computer distinct from and coupled in data communication with the printer;

receiving a document at the computer and the printer, the document including a request to print N collated copies of the document;

determining at the computer whether the printer has capacity to print N collated copies of the document at a computer system separate from the printer; and if it is determined that the printer has insufficient capacity, then sending a modified version of the document from the computer to the printer (N-1) times, wherein the modified version of the document includes a request to print one copy of the document.

~~if the printer has insufficient capacity, then performing the following step N times:~~

~~sending a single copy of the document from the computer system to the printer.~~

Claim 2 (original). The method of claim 1 wherein the capacity is a memory capacity.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 2 wherein the capacity is a memory capacity to store one copy of the document in a print ready form.

Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:
storing a copy of the document.

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1 Claim 5 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1 wherein the determining step
2 comprises:

3 ~~sending to the printer a print job requesting N collated copies of the~~
4 ~~document; and~~

5 awaiting receipt from the printer of a message regarding a sufficiency of the
6 printer's capacity.

7 Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 5 wherein the message regarding the
8 sufficiency of the printer's capacity is initiated by the printer.

9 Claim 7 (Currently amended). The method of claim 5 wherein the determining step
10 further comprises:

11 detecting when a first copy of the document has been printed by the printer;
12 and

13 if the first copy of the document has been printed by the printer before receipt
14 from the printer of an indication that the printer's capacity is insufficient, then
15 concluding that the printer's capacity is sufficient.

16 Claim 8 (original). The method of claim 5 wherein the awaiting step comprises:
17 polling the printer.

18 Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 8 wherein the polling step comprises:
19 querying a PML object.

20 Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 8 wherein the polling step comprises:
21 querying an SNMP object.

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23 Claim 11 (original). The method of claim 8 wherein the polling step comprises:
24 embedding a status request in a print job; and
25 sending the print job to the printer.

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1 Claim 12 (Currently amended). A computer readable medium on which is embedded
2 a computer program, the program comprising one or more instructions for performing
3 a method of printing N collated copies of a document on a printer, N being an integer
4 greater than one, the method comprising:

5 receiving a document at a computer system, the document including a
6 request to print N collated copies of the document;

7 determining at the computer system whether the printer has capacity to print
8 N collated copies of the document ~~at a computer system separate from the printer;~~
9 and

10 if the printer has insufficient capacity, then sending a modified version of the
11 document from the computer system to the printer (N-1) times, wherein the modified
12 version of the document includes a request to print one copy of the document.

13 ~~if the printer has insufficient capacity, then performing the following step N~~
14 ~~times:~~

15 ~~sending a single copy of the document to the printer from the computer~~
16 ~~system.~~

17 Claim 13 (original). The computer readable medium of claim 12 wherein the
18 capacity is a memory capacity.

19 Claim 14 (original). The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the
20 capacity is a memory capacity to store one copy of the document in a print ready
21 form.

22 Claim 15 (original). The computer readable medium of claim 12 further comprising:
23 storing a copy of the document.

24 Claim 16 (Currently amended). The computer readable medium of claim 12 wherein
25 the determining step comprises:

~~sending to the printer a print job requesting N collated copies of the~~
~~document; and~~

~~awaiting receipt from the printer of a message regarding the sufficiency of the~~
~~printer's capacity.~~

1 Claim 17 (original). The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein the
2 awaiting step comprises:
3 polling the printer.

4 Claims 18-20 (cancelled).

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